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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Douglas James LITTLE et al.

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
DEVELOPING INVESTMENTS

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) Group Art Unit: 3693
) Examiner: Hai Tran
) Confirmation No.: 7544
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated April 3, 2007, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 1-27, 42-53, and 55-65, Group II, claims 28-41, 54 and 63, and Group III, claim 66. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-27, 42-53, and 55-65 drawn to a method and an apparatus for determining weightings of an investment portfolio selected from a range of domestic and international financial investments.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916. The cover page for the communication dated April 3rd indicated a shortened statutory period of 31 days to respond to the restriction. However, the Office Action Summary page provided three (3)

months to respond. Because of this error, Applicants submit that no extension and corresponding fee is required for this Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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